

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 894
By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Edward "Chip"
McMahan of Cocke County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James Edward "Chip" McMahan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McMahan was a loving individual who was an inspiration to all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, as an outstanding high school student, Mr. McMahan was chosen as the Boy's Club Boy of the Year for two consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, after graduating high school, Mr. McMahan joined with the ranks of the many brave men and women who have defended our Nation and freedom throughout American history as he served in the United States Army for three exemplary years; during his tenure with the Army, Mr. McMahan was cited as Battalion Soldier of the Month at Fort Ord in California; and

WHEREAS, upon returning home from his military duty, Mr. McMahan was involved in a tragic motorcycle accident which left him with debilitating injuries that paralyzed him for life; and

WHEREAS, throughout his struggle, Mr. McMahan kept high spirits; he always had a smile for everyone and tried to learn something new each day; and

WHEREAS, during this difficult battle Mr. McMahan's mother, Sue McMahan, was ceaseless in her devotion to her son as she was by his side almost constantly; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McMahan was also an assiduous proponent for the Veterans Millennium Health Care Act as she had gained first hand experience of the difficulties many Veterans face in seeking health care; and

WHEREAS, Chip McMahan leaves behind an indelible legacy of inspiration and will be sorely missed by his friends and family, his mother especially; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of James Edward "Chip" McMahan, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. McMahan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.